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FM AMEMBASSY ASUNCION

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASUNCION 0222

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, PFOR, ICRC, VN, VS, PA

SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT SECOND SESSION OF CONFERENCE ON  
LAW OF WAR

1. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, PARAGUAY IS NOT REPRESENTED IN GENEVA AND, DURING LAST FEBRUARY'S DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE, TWICE SENT ITS AMBASSADOR IN BONN TO GENEVATO OPPOSE PRG PARTICIPATION--CASTING WHAT PROVED TO BE A DECISIVE VOTE AGAINST PRG ON FEBRUARY 28. PARAGUAY ALSO VOTED IN MAIL TALLY AGAINST PRG PARTICIPATION IN ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY TODAY INFORMED US GOP STILL FIRMLY OPPOSED PRG PARTICIPATION AND WISHES TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE TO USG IN THIS REGARD. HOWEVER, MINISTRY HAS NOT YET FINALLY DECIDED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO GENEVA SINCE IN PARAGUAYAN TERMS THIS IS EXTREMELY COSTLY IN  
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MONEY AND PERSONNEL. (THIS APPARENTLY MEANS THAT EVEN IF

GOP DECIDED TO SEND A DELEGATE, HE WOULD ONLY BE AUTHORIZED  
TO ATTEND FOR A FEW DAYS.)

3. TO ASSIST ITS DECISION FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ASKED US TO  
OBTAIN DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AND ADVICE ON (A) WHETHER PARAGUAY'S  
ROLE IS LIKELY TO BE DECISIVE AGAIN; (B) WHETHER NEW  
CREDENTIALS WILL BE REQUIRED OR WHETHER PARAGUAYAN  
AMBASSADOR TO BONN IS STILL ACCREDITED; (C) IF NEW  
CREDENTIALS ARE REQUIRED, WHAT IS PROCEDURE; (D) WHETHER  
THERE ARE ANY PROVISIONS FOR VOTING IN ADVANCE, BY PROXY,  
OR BY MAIL; AND (E) WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT CAN IDENTIFY  
MORE PRECISELY THE DATES WHEN ISSUE LIKELY TO COME BEFORE  
CONFERENCE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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